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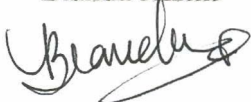
To whom this letter may concern:

It is a pleasure to me to recommend "Saddle Rock-Malibu" to The Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau issuing their viticulture in Los Angeles area. The reason why "Saddle Rock-Malibu" should own the license is that it is located between 1.700 and 2.236 feet in elevation and has 70 acres of vineyards. The elevation plus the weather do so much to their grapes productions. The high elevation also supports more solar radiation and is warmer than neighboring areas with more marine influences during the growing season. Still mentioning about the weather supports, in summers Malibu region are hot and dry at the higher elevations above the marine influence and are cooler and less sunny in the lower coastal areas, this aid the growth of the vines so that it will completely ripen. Aside from the weather issue, soil areas also play important role. As it was mentioned by the mentor of "Saddle Rock-Malibu" soil affects the maturity of the vines, the deeper with more clay content overall, leading to more water holding capacity. The more water they can hold the better it is for the plant to grow.

Again it is a delight to me to recommend this vineyard to the AVA list, for all the criteria that I have mentioned above. I have visited this vineyard, look around their land, tasted their wines, and the most certain is that "Saddle Rock-Malibu" deserves to be in the AVA. Thank you

Sincerely,

Bianda Halim

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bianda Halim', with a stylized flourish at the end.